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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ARGENTINA: PERON PRESIDENCY IMMINENT?

A BROAD POLITICAL SPECTRUM IS PRESSURING PERON TO END ARGENTINA'S INSTABILITY AND BECOME PRESIDENT HIMSELF. ADDITIONALLY, EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES BELIEVES PERON MAY BE VERY ILL, AND THAT PRESSURE IS MOUNTING FOR HIM TO PICK AN ACCEPTABLE SUCCESSOR PROMPTLY. FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH PERON LAST EVENING, PRESIDENT CAMPORA SAID HE WOULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT TODAY. (CONFIDENTIAL) BUENOS AIRES 4974, 4975 AND 4977, 7/13.

2. SPOTLIGHT ON BREZHNEV

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GENERAL-SECRETARY BREZHNEV RECEIVED THE LENIN

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PEACE PRIZE IN MOSCOW ON JULY 11. HIS
ACCEPTANCE SPEECH EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF AGREE-
MENTS SIGNED RECENTLY IN WASHINGTON, AND THE NEED FOR
PROGRESS AT CSCE AND SALT. EMBASSY MOSCOW COMMENTS

THAT ALTHOUGH BREZHNEV HIMSELF MENTIONED THE "COLLECTIVE
NATURE" OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY, THE CEREMONY'S SPOT-
LIGHT WAS ON BREZHNEV, WITH GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN
DIGNITARIES PAYING TRIBUTE TO HIS "PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION"
IN REDUCING WORLD TENSIONS, (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)
MOSCOW 8290, 7/13.

3. DAYAN'S THOUGHTS ON REFUGEES

DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN TOLD OUR CHARGE IN TEL AVIV
THERE IS NO PROSPECT FOR THE 1948 PALESTINIAN
REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THEIR ORIGINAL HOMES IN ISRAEL.
HE SAID THESE REFUGEES SHOULD BE SETTLED IN THE
COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY NOW RESIDE. DAYAN STATED
ISRAEL HAS NO INTENTION OF EXPELLING PALESTINIAN
REFUGEES FROM GAZA AND ADDED HE DID NOT RULE OUT THE
RETURN OF WEST BANK ARABS WHO FLED TO JORDAN IN 1967.
(SECRET) TEL AVIV 5482, 7/12 (EXDIS).

4. THAI PREDICTS DEPARTURE OF US TROOPS

THAI DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CHARTCHAI TOLD A PRESS
CONFERENCE ON JULY 11 THAT US TROOPS IN THAILAND WOULD
HAVE TO BE REDUCED IF US BOMBING IN CAMBODIA STOPS;
THAT REDUCTION WOULD BE GRADUAL AND THAT MILITARY AID
WOULD BE REDUCED BUT NOT ELIMINATED. (LIMITED
OFFICIAL USE) BANGKOK 10754, 7/12.

5. AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY FOREIGN POLICY

DURING A DEBATE ON A FOREIGN POLICY PLATFORM AT THE
AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE JULY 12 PRIME
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MINISTER WHITLAM ARGUED THAT "RELATIONS WITH THE
UNITED STATES ARE NOT THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT FACTOR
IN AUSTRALIA'S FOREIGN POLICY" AND THAT RELATIONS
WITH THE UNITED STATES MUST NOT BE VIEWED SOLELY IN
THE ANZUS CONTEXT. MOTIONS TO RECOMMEND THE
RECOGNITION OF THE PRG WERE SOUNDLY DEFEATED.
(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) CANBERRA 3874, 7/13. ROGERS

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